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THE monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 12th March, 1888.

The president, Mr. A. H. S. Lucas, M.A., B.Sc., occupied the chair, and about fifty members and visitors were present.

The hon. librarian reported the receipt of the following donations to the library:—"Geology and Physical Geography of Victoria," also "Quarterly Mining Reports," December, 1887, from the Mining Department; "Annual Report of Ballarat School of Mines" for 1887, from the School; "Journal of New York Microscopical Society," vol. IV., No. 1, from the Society; and "Journal of Pharmacy," February, 1888.

The hon. secretary reported that the excursion to Cheltenham on 18th February had been fairly attended. The following plants were noted in bloom:—*Utricularia dichotoma*, *Correa speciosa*, *Comesperma calymega*, *Gompholobium Huegelii*, and the rare orchid *Spiranthes Australis*, this being the nearest locality in which it has yet been found to Melbourne. At the fossil beds several shark's teeth, pieces of whale's bone, the small sea-urchins, *Lovenia Forbesi*, were obtained, also a fine specimen of the rather rare fossil sea-urchin, *Monostychia Australis*.

The president reported that the excursion to Williamstown Back Beach, on 3rd March, had been altered to a dredging expedition, but, owing to a change in the weather, the party were unable to do much in that direction, and had to return shorewards.

The hon. secretary reported that the joint deputation from the Club, the Royal and Geographical Societies, and the Academy of Arts, had waited on the Minister of Lands with reference to the proposed national park at Wilson's Promontory,